

Miami, Jan 24/80

Dear Walker and Karen:

It was nice of you to ask me over for a visit and I enjoyed it, although I don't think I've ever seen it rain so hard as when we were taking Heather back to Orlando. The Melbourne area is nice, but the rent problem is as bad as here in Miami (and I'm still looking).

Thank you Karen for washing my clothes and getting soup for me at the store. I hope you've found a good job.

I'm staying at a fleabag hotel in Little Havana, and they've already tried to steal the top off my car. Kabrones!

Take care, you hear?  
Edward



Brooksville, Nov. 16/81

Dear Walker and Karen:

I hope you  
weren't in Brooksville this week -  
and and I missed you. I went  
to Orlando Sat. and returned yesterday.  
I called <sup>you</sup> both days from Orlando and  
got no answer. You must be going out  
a lot and I don't blame you, if you  
have fun things to do and places to  
go. All you can do here is work, and  
I am doing plenty of that, and getting  
paid overtime, of course. But it does  
get lonely. I go to Al's & Lynn after work  
to keep from getting too soft and out  
of shape, and then to my hotel room  
to read and/or listen to classical music  
from Gainesville and Tampa - the U. of  
F. stations. I'm reading "Entropy" by Jeremy  
Ripkin, a good book about energy as a  
determinant of history.

This week I'm calling  
Karen's folks. I feel bad about not having  
done it sooner, but I really was quite  
undecided about staying with this com-  
pany, it's so disorganized and they are push-  
ing a lot of work on me. As Smith records are  
terribly unreliable or nonexistent, and professional  
standards too low, even for me (ha ha). But  
they pay well, so I'll stick it out as long as I  
can.

Now you tell me your troubles.

What's up

My office phone is 904/796-9423







Oxlando, feb. 13/82

Dear Walker:

I tried to call you about noon but no answer. I'm going back to Brooksthrill this evening because we're going manateeing again Sunday.

~~My sister~~ Sussana gave me your message about the job in the Cape when she called me Wed. - thanks a lot.

The job interview with Greiner Engineering went like a police interrogation: four big shots sat around me asking questions and watching every move and twitch I made. I thought about releasing a silent round of poison gas and watching them squirm.

If you still have the means, could you print me a few (2-4) of these insurance cards leaving out the name, etc. so I can type mine in - on card stock if possible? I've been using the one we made a while back, but it's shot. With the money saved will have some beers. I should register some time this month.

The Tafelskis liked you and asked about you. Say hello to Karen and call me when you can. Take care Ted.



BROOKSVILLE 4 20 82

YES, WALKER, I BOUGHT THE HORSE; HER NAME IS SUNSHINE AND SHE IS SLIM & TRIM & FAST, AND I'M CLAIMING HER AS A DEPENDENT FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES. I WAS DELIGHTFULLY SURPRISED TO DISCOVER THAT SHE HAS A LOT OF TENNESSEE WALKER IN HER, AND I AM ENCOURAGING THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THAT GAIT, WHICH IS KNOWN AS PASO FINO (FINE STEP OR GAIT) IN COLOMBIA. SO NEXT TIME YOU COME OVER WE'LL GO RIDING.

I WISH OUR COMMUNICATIONS AND GET-TOGETHERS WERE LESS SPORADIC; FOR INSTANCE, DID HEATHER COME DOWN FOR EASTER, AND WERE YOU IN ORLANDO? I FOUND OUT THAT DEVOE ONLY FLIES MON-FRI, SO THAT SHOT THAT IDEA. WHAT WE NEED IS EITHER A PLANE OR BETTER & FASTER CARS THAN WE HAVE.

HERE'S AN UNKIND BUT DISTURBING THOUGHT: BKV IS AN IDEAL PLACE FOR THE STUDY AND OBSERVATION OF THE SURVIVAL OF THE UNFITTEST. PEOPLE HERE ARE HAVING A HEBEPHRENIC BALL, AND THEY NEVER HEARD OF, MUCH LESS CARED ABOUT, BUDDHA, SOCRATES, JESUS, FRANCIS OF ASSISI, LEONARDO, MICHELANGELO, GOETHE, BACH, BEETHOVEN, MOZART, GHANDI, DARWIN, SHAKES



PEARE, TOLSTOI, DOSTOIEVSKY, NIETZSCHE,  
BOLIVAR, THOREAU, SCHWEITZER . . . .  
SOCRATES SAID THAT THE UNEXAMINED  
LIFE IS NOT WORTH LIVING. AND YET  
IT IS TRUE THAT SUCCESSFUL REPRODUCT-  
TION, I.E. "MERE" SURVIVAL, IS THE ONLY  
AIM OF NATURAL SELECTION. BUT SUR-  
VIVAL DOES NOT NECESSARILY PREPARE  
OR EVEN SUGGEST THE WAY TO THE GOOD,  
THE NOBLE LIFE AS EXEMPLIFIED BY  
PEOPLE LIKE THE ABOVE. ANTS AND  
ROACHES HAVE SURVIVED IN DROVES AND  
LEGIONS FOR MILLIONS OF YEARS, AND  
IN A CONTROVERSIAL STUDY OF A LARGE  
COMMUNITY OF NORWEGIAN RATS UNTIL  
ITS FINAL AND TOTAL EXTINCTION, THE  
MOST BEAUTIFUL, INTELLIGENT AND  
WELL-DEVELOPED SPECIMENS WITH-  
DREW FROM THE "RAT RACE" AND  
VANISHED. SO, WHO DO YOU THINK WILL  
INHERIT THE EARTH?

I MAY SMILE (NOT LAUGH) QUIETLY  
TO MYSELF AS I WATCH THE WORLD  
RUSH BY, BUT MINE IS A SAD AND  
MELANCHOLY SMILE. AND NOW I HAVE  
NOTHING ELSE TO DO BUT GO OUT AND  
GET DRUNK WITH THE SURVIVORS AND  
MAYBE EVEN LAUGH OUT LOUD WITH  
THEM AND FORGET THESE DISMAL RE-  
FLECTIONS.

MY NEXT LETTER SHALL BE CHEERFUL.



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